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ABSTRACT / ZUSAMMENFASSUNG / ABREGE

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The invention relates to Digital Subscriber Line (DSL) infrastructure. More particularly, the present invention reltes to a remote Digital Subscriber Line Access Multiplexer (DSLAM) only partially hosted by a central office (CO), split into a central DSL-termination unit (DTU-C) hosted at CO and a remote DSL termination unit (DTU-R), where the DTU-R comprises an analog front end AFE for each DSL line, a multiplexer/de-multiplexer unit DeMux2, and a transmission network interface A4'. The DTU-C comprises correspondingly a transmission network interface, a multiplexer/de-multiplexer unit Mux, a digital back end Dig for each DSL line. The invention is heavily based on digital signal processing techniques.